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In re Application of	:	
Sallen, et al.	:	
Application No. 09/224,231	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: December 30, 1998	:	
Attorney Docket No. HLL-10602/29	:	

This is a decision on the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed December 5, 2007.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the final Office action, mailed January 10, 2007. This Office action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. The Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment on October 1, 2007, stating that no reply had been received.

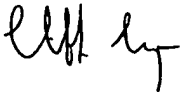
A review of the application file reveals the presence of a Notice of Appeal, filed on July 10, 2007, and made timely by obtaining a three month extension of time. Accordingly, it is concluded that the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error.

In view thereof, **the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.**

**Please be advised that the two month period for filing an appeal brief (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)) runs from the date of this decision.**

The matter is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2612 to await for applicants' submission of the Appeal Brief.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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